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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

[0009]To achieve the above object, the invention of claim 1 among unit-layer post-

processing catalyst chemical vapor-deposition apparatuses of the present invention is a

catalyst chemical-vapor- deposition apparatus for forming a thin film on a substrate by

using the catalyst action of an exothermic catalytic body resistance-heated in a reactive

vessel capable of performing vacuum pumping, which is provided with a gas supply

system capable of introducing <u>pulsed</u> flows rates of thin-film-component-contained gas

and hydrogen gas into the reactive vessel like a pulse and an exhaust system capable

of realizing vacuum pumping and pressure control and has a constitution in which the

thin-film-component-contained gas and hydrogen gas introduced like a pulse contact

with the exothermic catalyst body and decompose, a thin film for each unit layer is

formed on the substrate and the thin film for each unit layer is surface-treated to form a

laminated thin film.

[0010]Moreover, the invention of claim 2 is characterized in that the surface treatment is

one or both of surface treatment by a thin-film-component-contained gas excluding

silicon and including active species and surface treatment by hydrogen gas containing

active species.

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[0011]Furthermore, the invention of claim 3 is characterized in that the hydrogen gas is

applied to the exothermic catalytic body to reproduce a catalytic performance.

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[0012]The invention of claim-4 is characterized in that the surface treatment is one or

both of extraction treatment of surplus thin-film component and direct addition treatment

of thin-film component.

[0013]The invention of claim-5 is characterized by using hitrogen gas or rare gas

instead of the hydrogen gas.

[0014]The invention of claim 6 is characterized in that the thin-film-component-

contained gas is any one of hydride of silicon and halide of silicon, any one of nitrogen

and hydride of nitrogen, or both of nitrogen and hydride of nitrogen.

[0015]The invention of claim 7 is characterized in that the thin-film-component-

contained gas including active species in the surface treatment is any one of nitrogen

and hydride of nitrogen or both of them.

[0016]The invention of claim-8 among unit-layer post-processing film forming methods

of the present invention is a catalyst chemical vapor deposition method for using the

catalyst action of an exothermic catalytic body resistance-heated in a reactive vessel

capable of performing vacuum pumping and thereby forming a thin film on a substrate,

in which the following steps are included: an activating step of introducing  $\underline{\text{pulsed}}$  flows

rates of thin-film-component-contained gas and hydrogen gas like a pulse, bringing the

gases into contact with an exothermic catalytic body and thereby, generating active

species, a film forming step of forming a thin film every unit layer on a substrate, a film

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forming step of surface-treating a thin film for each unit layer on the substrate, a surface

treating step of performing surface treatment of a thin film for unit layer by hydrogen gas

containing active species, another surface treating step of surface-treating a thin film

every unit layer by thin-film-component-contained gas including active species to form a

thin film laminated by using a series of steps for respectively forming a unit-layer thin

film as one cycle.

[0017]Moreover, the invention of claim 9 is characterized by repeating any one of the

one surface treating step and the other surface treating step up to a plurality of times in

one cycle in addition to the above configuration.

[0018]Furthermore, the invention of claim 10 is characterized in that one or both of the

one surface treating step and the other surface treating step and the film forming step of

forming a thin film for each unit layer on a substrate are continuously performed.

[0019] The invention of claim 11 is characterized by vacuum-pumping remaining gas

after any one of the one surface treating step and the other surface treating step.

[0020] The invention of claim 12 is characterized in that the one surface treating step is a

step of extracting surplus thin-film component and the other surface treating step is a

step of adding a thin-film component.

[0021]The invention of claim 13 is characterized in that a final step of one cycle is a step

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of performing surface treatment by a thin-film-component-contained gas excluding

silicone including active species.

[0022] The invention of claim 14 is characterized by using any one of nitrogen gas and

rare gas instead of the hydrogen gas.

[0023]The invention of claim 15 is characterized in that the thin-film-component-

contained gas includes any one of hydride of silicon and halide of silicon and any one of

nitrogen and hydride of nitrogen or both of them.

[0024]The invention of claim 16 is characterized in that the thin-film-component-

contained gas including active species in the surface treatment contains one or both of

nitrogen gas and hydride of nitrogen.

[0025]The invention of claim 17 is characterized in that thin-film-component-contained

gas contains monosilane gas and ammonia gas, the film forming step forms a silicon

nitride film on a substrate every unit layer and the other surface treating step surface-

treats a silicon nitride film every unit layer by ammonium gas including active species.

[0026]The invention of claim 18 is characterized in that the final step of one cycle is a

step of performing surface treatment by ammonium gas which is thin-film-component-

contained gas including active species.

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[0093]Moreover, as gas containing a nitrogen component, it is possible to use nitrogen

hydride containing nitrogen such as nitrogen (N2) or hydrazine (N2H4) in addition to

ammonia.

[0094]It is possible to use rare gas and nitrogen gas and an inert gas, such as argon

and helium, in addition to hydrogen gas.

[0095]In this case,The thin-film-component-contained gas may also include includes

steam. For example, gas which is liquid at room temperature is used as thin-film-

component-contained gas in which steam pressure is adjusted through bubbling by

carrier gas.

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